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1. Since the spring of 1953 there has been a large training camp and target range southeast of Yambol, used mainly by motorized troops. The camp is on both sides of the Yambol-Mitiriz road, and covers an area 2,400 by 3,100 m. The camp contains a number of staff buildings, a repair shop for tanks, magazines, etc.
2. Some buildings were seized for its use in Yambol city, including a school building used by the reinforcement formations. Private houses were seized for use as hospitals. Another school was taken over in the center of the city from Jun to Oct 1953 for the command of a Bulgarian motorized division.
3. During the summer and fall there were at the camp: the staff of a motorized rifle division which arrived in Jun 1953; a motorized rifle regiment from Plovdiv; a motorized rifle regiment from Sofia; an armored reconnaissance battalion from Sofia; an armored regiment from Sofia; a motorized artillery regiment; an AAA regiment from Plovdiv; a communications battalion from Plovdiv.
4. Further construction is in progress at the camp.

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